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Programme of meetings and agenda

Scheduled official meetings

Tuesday, 30 September 2003

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10 a.m. . . . . 4835th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Justice and the Rule of Law: The United Nations Role

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 17th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Emomali Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan
2. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Simeon Saxe-Coburg Gotha, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alvaro Uribe Vélez, President of the Republic of Colombia
4. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

   Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Sandra Pierantozzi, Vice-President and Minister of Health of the Republic of Palau

   Lao People's Democratic Republic

   Norway

   Uruguay

   Brunei Darussalam

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Belize

Thailand

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

3 p.m. . . . . 18th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Bhutan

Chad

Togo

Namibia

Uzbekistan

Cambodia

Dominican Republic

Sao Tome and Principe

Malawi

Marshall Islands

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees . . . . . [5]

2. Organization of work (A/58/250, A/58/252, A/C.5/58/1 and A/C.5/58/L.1)

Sixth Committee

Working Group on International Convention against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 2

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM)

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [106 (b) of the provisional agenda] (29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

Delegations wishing to participate in any of eight ministerial-level round tables to be held in the context of the High-level Dialogue, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables (resolution 57/250 of 20 December 2002 and letter from the President of the General Assembly to Member States dated 7 May 2003, on organizational matters).

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 30 September 2003

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing Capacity-building of Global Public Health" (item 61) (organized by the Permanent Mission of China)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Organization of the Islamic Conference ***(Annual Coordination Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the OIC Member States)***

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

ECO-ASEAN ***(Ministerial Meeting)***

12 noon–1.30 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries *(Fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting)*

2.30–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Asian Group of the Whole

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

JUSCANZ Group

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Briefing on the Secretary-General's Youth Employment Network (organized by the Permanent Mission of Senegal)

There will be a briefing on the Secretary-General's Youth Employment Network (YEN), organized by the Permanent Mission of Senegal, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Youth Employment Network, the World Bank and the ILO, *today*, 30 September 2003, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5. Mr. Steve Miller, Secretary of the Network, will update the delegations on the activities of the Network and provide background information for discussion in the Third Committee of the report of the Secretary-General on promoting youth employment (A/58/229). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana María Hermoso (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, extension 106).

Special briefing on the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

There will be a special briefing on the main elements and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General, entitled "Implementation of and follow-up to commitments and agreements made at the International Conference on Financing for Development" (A/58/216), organized by the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 30 September 2003, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4870; e-mail: ffdoffice@un.org).

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 30 September 2003

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 1 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 19th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Uganda

Vanuatu

Oman

Kenya

Ethiopia

Lithuania

Papua New Guinea

Finland

Nauru

Antigua and Barbuda

3 p.m. . . . . 20th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Hungary

Bahamas

Belarus

United Republic of Tanzania

Solomon Islands

Kiribati

Swaziland

First Committee

The First Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items from Monday, 6 October, to Friday, 17 October 2003. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are requested to kindly contact the secretariat of the First Committee (Mr. Tam Chung (tel. 1 (212) 963-1901*); or Mr. Gisle Hauge (tel. 1 (917) 367-4161); room S-2977).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Mohammad Sattar, Secretary of the First Committee (room S-2977H; tel. 1 (212) 963-5595, fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 6 October 2003, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 6 October 2003 (see document A/C.4/58/L.1*) are kindly requested to notify Ms. Catherina Dakay, (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K, fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, 1 October 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organizations of work as contained in A/C.2/58/L.1.

The Committee will also begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2003 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (212) 963-2183; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

The Third Committee will begin its consideration of items 105 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly), 106 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family) and 107 (Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing), on Monday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Mr. Alexandre De Barros or Mrs. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-2320 and 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations are also requested to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to Mr. Alexandre De Barros, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950G; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 218th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Thursday, 9 October 2003 at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax 1 (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics: Technical Subgroup

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of H.E. Miss June Yvonne Clarke (Barbados).

Other forthcoming meetings

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OIC Group *(on Sixth Committee matters) (at the expert level)*

The OIC Group will hold a closed meeting *(on Sixth Committee matters) (at the expert level)* on Wednesday, 1 October 2003, from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)* on Wednesday, 1 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

United Nations Development Programme

The first briefing of the consultation process with United Nations Development Programme Member States on the *Human Development Report 2004* will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular meeting of Subscribing States to the International Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (The Hague Code of Conduct)

The Subscribing States to the International Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation will hold their second regular meeting (closed) on Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by Chile (taking over the chair from the Netherlands). For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (tel. 1 (212) 697-5547).

Southern African Development Community (SADC) ***(at the Third Committee experts level) (on agenda items 105 and 109)***

There will be a meeting of the Third Committee Experts of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) ***(at the Third Committee experts level) (on agenda items 105 and 109)***, on Thursday, 2 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

UNITAR briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing by Mr. Eduardo A. Doryan, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, and Mr. Reinhard Munzberg, Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund to the United Nations, on the results of the meetings of the International Monetary and Financial Committee and the Development Committee (Dubai, 21-22 September 2003). This briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

Informal briefing on reports submitted to the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly under agenda items 93 (a), 110 and 111

There will be an informal briefing on reports submitted to the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly under agenda items 93 (a) (Women in development), 110 (Advancement of women) and 111 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"). The briefing, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women and by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Thursday, 2 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

UNITAR workshop series on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation organize the series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology", under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, geared towards all diplomats, which in 2003 is repeated five times. The first four

modules of each cycle, focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, which is conducted as an intensive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology and is aimed essentially at ambassadors and senior diplomats and open to members of the United Nations staff, as well as non-governmental organizations.

Cycle 5, the last of this year's series, to be conducted in English, will be held from 2 October to 21 November 2003. For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196 or 963-3021).

Open-ended consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Women and Political Participation" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Women and Political Participation", organized by the United States Mission, on Friday, October 3, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Briefing by H.E. Mr. Børge Brende (Norway), Chairman of the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on preparations for the twelfth session of the Commission

There will be a briefing by H.E. Mr. Børge Brende, Minister of Environment of Norway, Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on preparations for the twelfth session (review session). The briefing will be held on Friday, 3 October 2003, from 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room 3. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, will be held on Tuesday, 7 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 6 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; on Tuesday, 7 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 8 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 1 October 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

General Assembly

Statements in the general debate of the plenary

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a *15-minute* time limit should be observed. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

The general debate will be webcast live and archived for on-demand viewing at www.un.org/webcast.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to webcast@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Facilities for bilateral consultations

Facilities are available for bilateral consultations during this period. For further information, interested delegations may refer to Note Verbale No. 03-204 or contact the Meetings Servicing Unit (tel. 1 (212) 963-2643).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 4 September 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Friday, 26 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

14th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

H.E. Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Abdullah Gül, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey; H.E. The Honourable Phil Goff, Minister for Froreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand; H.E. Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabr Al-Thani, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Qatar; H.E. The Honourable Billie Miller, M.P., Senior Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados; H.E. Mr. Jaap De Hoop Scheffer, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands; H.E. Mr. Rashid Abdullah Al-Noaimi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates; H.E. Mr. Habib Ben Yahia, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia; H.E. Mr. Nguyen Dy Nien, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam; H.E. Mr. Jean Ping, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and la Francophonie of Gabon; H.E. Mr. Halldór Asgrímsson, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Iceland; H.E. Mr. Fiorenzo Stolfi, Minister for Foreign and Political Affairs of San Marino; H.E. Mrs. Soledad Alvear Valenzuela, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile; H.E. Mr. João Bernardo de Miranda, Minister for External Relations of Angola; and H.E. Mr. Roy Chaderton-Matos, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Venezuela.

Statements in the exercise of the right of the reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United Arab Emirates.

Monday, 29 September 2003

Security Council

4834th meeting

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Guinea-Bissau, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Tuliameni Kalomoh, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

In response to a request contained in a letter dated 25 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations (S/2003/917), the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to his Excellency Mr. José Ramos-Horta, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and Special Envoy of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries to Guinea-Bissau.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Kalomoh.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Mr. Ramos-Horta.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Angola, the Russian Federation, the United States, Pakistan, Cameroon, Chile, Spain, France, Guinea, the Syrian Arab Republic, China and Mexico, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Guinea-Bissau.

Mr. Kalomoh responded to comments and questions raised.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a further statement.

Mr. Kalomoh responded to queries raised by the representative of the Russian Federation.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

15th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Dragan Cović, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

H.E. Mr. Dragan Cović, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, made a statement.

Address by H.E. Mr. Natsagiin Bagabandi, President of Mongolia

H.E. Mr. Natsagiin Bagabandi, President of Mongolia, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Farouk Al-Shara', Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic; H.E. Mr. Cyril Svoboda, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; H.E. U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Maher El Sayed, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt; His Royal Highness Prince Saud Al-Faisal, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia; H.E. Dr. Ernst Walch, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liechtenstein; H.E. Mr. Fathulla Jameel, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives; and H.E. Mr. Mohamed Ould Tolba, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mauritania.

H.E. Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of Palestine, made a statement.

16th plenary meeting

The summary of the 16th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/188).

First Committee

1st meeting

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Jarmo Sareva (Finland), made a statement.

Election of the officers of the Main Committees . . . . . [5]

The Committee elected Mr. Anouar Ben-Youssef (Tunisia), Mr. Suriya Chindawongse (Thailand) and Mr. Ionut Suseanu (Romania) as Vice-Chairmen and H.E. Miguel Carbo (Ecuador) as Rapporteur, by acclamation.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Zambia, Egypt, Sierra Leone and Romania also made statements.

The Committee adopted its programme of work and timetable, as contained in document A/C.1/58/CRP.1/Rev.1.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

1st meeting

Election of the officers of the Main Committees . . . . . [5]

Upon nomination by the representatives Canada, Kuwait and Slovakia and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Jasna Ognjanovac (Croatia) and Mr. Ibrahim Assaf (Lebanon), as Vice-Chairpersons and Mr. Damien Cole (Ireland) as Rapporteur.

It was decided that the election of the other Vice-Chairman would be held at a later stage.

Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, Lebanon and Ireland.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/58/1) and a note by the Chairman (A/C.4/58/L.1*) containing suggestions on the organization of work.

The Chairman also drew members' attention to document A/C.4/58/INF/1, which contained the list of documents before the Fourth Committee issued and to be issued to date.

The Committee approved its programme of work contained in document A/C.4/58/L.1*.

The Committee also decided to establish an open-ended Working Group of the Whole, chaired this year by the delegation of Chile, to prepare the draft resolution on agenda item 82 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of Outer Space).

The Committee's attention was drawn to the relevant General Assembly rules and recommendations affecting the work of the Main Committees, as well as those contained in Assembly decision 34/401.

At the suggestion of its Chairman (A/C.4/58/L.1*), the Committee decided to hold a general debate on decolonization agenda items 19, 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90 and to close the list of speakers on those items on Monday, 6 October, at 6 p.m.

Delegations were also informed that Wednesday, 8 October, at 1 p.m. would be the deadline for submission of draft resolutions or proposals on decolonization items.

The Committee also decided that any request from the representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories to appear before the Committee should be submitted by the chief elected representative of the people of the Non-Self-Governing Territory.

Statements made by the representatives of Lebanon, Zambia, Mexico, South Africa and Cuba.

The Chairman made a statement.

Third Committee

1st meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the Committee to observe a minute of silence to pay tribute to the memory of Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello and all other United Nations personnel who perished in Baghdad.

Election of the officers of the Main Committees . . . . . [5]

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Juraj Priputen (Slovakia), Mr. Michiel Maertens (Belgium) and Mrs. Beatriz Londoño (Colombia) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Abdullah Eid Salman Al-Sulaiti (Qatar) as Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Chairman made an opening statement and then drew the Committee's attention to the relevant recommendations contained in document A/58/250, as well as to the proposed organization of work of the Committee (A/C.3/58/L.1) and the status of documentation (A/C.3/58/L.1/Add.1).

The meeting was suspended in order to allow the Committee to consider its programme of work.

Following resumption of the meeting, the Committee approved its programme of work for the session, as contained in document A/C.3/58/L.1.

The Secretary made a statement.

The representative of the Gambia made a statement.

The Committee agreed to set the following time limits for statements in the general discussion: 7 minutes for statements by individual delegations and 15 minutes for spokesmen of groups of delegations. It was agreed that time limits would also apply to the Secretariat.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401 regarding interventions in the exercise of the right of reply and points of order.

The Committee decided to extend invitations to a number of Special Rapporteurs and Representatives to present their reports to the Committee at the present session.

The Chairman responded to questions raised by the representative of Egypt.

Sixth Committee

1st meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Election of the officers of the Main Committees . . . . . [5]

The Committee elected H.E. Mr. Allieu Ibrahim Kanu (Sierra Leone), Ms. Gaile Ann Ramoutar (Trinidad and Tobago) and Mr. Tal Becker (Israel) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Metod Spacek (Slovakia) as Rapporteur.

Organisation of work

Pursuant to General Assembly decision 57/512, the Committee established a working group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on an International Convention against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings and elected H.E. Mr. Juan Manuel Gómez Robledo (Mexico) as its Chairman.

Following consultations, the Committee also established a working group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Scope of Legal Protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel and elected H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser (Liechtenstein) as its Chairman.

The Committee adopted its programme of work, as contained in document A/C.6/58/L.1.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child
Thirty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Friday, 26 September 2003

908th–909th meetings *Consideration of reports of States parties* . . . . . [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Singapore (CRC/C/41/Add.12). In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

Monday, 29 September 2003

910th–911th meetings (closed)

Consideration of reports of States parties . . . . . [4]

The Committee considered the item.

General comments . . . . . [7]

The Committee considered the item.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: United Arab Emirates (24 September 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Acceptance: Denmark (24 September 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Acceptance: Denmark (24 September 2003)[1]

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Ratification: Jamaica (29 September 2003)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Jamaica (29 September 2003)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Jamaica (29 September 2003)[1]

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Ratification: Jamaica (29 September 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum *today*, 30 September 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will make a presentation on "The United Nations and Humanitarian Action in Today's Crisis Spots".

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Mainstreaming Ageing: Forging Links between Madrid Plan of Action and the Millennium Development Goals", in observance of the International Day of Older People. The briefing will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2003, from 10 to 11.20 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, will be the moderator. H.E. Mr. Julian Robert Hunte, President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly, Ms. Alejandra Marta Ayuso, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations, and Mr. Jan Vandermoortele, Bureau for

Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme, will be the keynote speakers. A panel discussion on the topic of "Relating the Madrid Plan of Action to the Millennium Development Process" will be held from 11.25 a.m. to 12.25 p.m., as a second part of the programme. The participants will be Mr. Johan Schlovnik, Director, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (as moderator); and Ms. Sonia Elliot, Liaison Officer, UNAIDS, Prof. Naomi Woronov, Author, Director, Community Colleges in China Project; Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Senior Advisor, Office of the Managing Director, World Bank; Mr. Gaoussou Traoré, Social Action Manager, Ministry of Social Development, Solidarity and Older Persons, Mali; and Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Chief, Programme on Ageing, DESA. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

World Habitat Day

In observance of World Habitat Day, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) will hold an event on the theme "Water and Sanitation for Cities" on Monday, 6 October 2003, from 9.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Screening of the award-winning documentary film "Child Soldiers"

A screening of the award-winning documentary "Child Soldiers", organized by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, in collaboration with HBO, will take place on Monday, 6 October 2003, at 6.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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